

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendment and the following remarks.

At the outset, the Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative during a telephone interview conducted on June 1, 2007. During the interview, the examiner and Applicant's representative agreed that the amendment of claim 1, as contained herein, would overcome the rejection identified in the Final Rejection. Therefore, the rejections applied to claims 16 and 18-20 are overcome, and allowance of claim 1 and all claims dependent therefrom is deemed to be warranted.

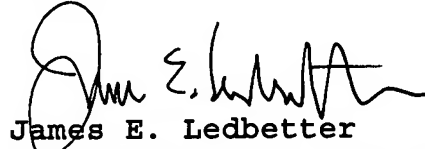
Claim 1 has been amended to recite a feature illustrated in Applicant's Fig. 1. The amendment is presented after final rejection based on remarks presented in the Final Rejection and during the telephone interview.

Claims 3-15, 17, 21, and 22 stand withdrawn from consideration and directed to non-elected subject matter.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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